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Dear Friends,

Once again I offer this modest catalog, my seventh, representing 22 years of hybridizing as a hobby, while I have served 26 years in the active ministry. I am making steady progress in my breeding for fragrance. This year I got a break among my seedlings, a 5" heavily ruffled strong growing fragrant. Its number is 48X-P5, watch for it in a couple of years. I made two successful crosses with Murielae Acidanthera and also saved some open pollinated seed from Murielae, hoping the bees used good judgement while I was on vacation.

I have tried to be honest and modest in my use of adjectives, however my one business rule remains the same; "YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE."

Sincerely,

O. E. Spencer.

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THISISIT (Spencer 1949) Summer Breeze X New Era.

THISISIT is a half sister of Perfume and just as fragrant, if not more so. A pure pink self, heavily ruffled 4"-4½" florets, 6-8 open, 20 buds, tall slender straight spike. Makes small bulblets in good quantity and germination is excellent. I am offering only 20 bulbs for sale this year for trial and hybridizing. If you want one order early.

Young bulbs 1" and up \$3.00 (no quantity discount)

COLOGNE (Roberts 1949) INCENSE X NEW ERA

COLOGNE is a much improved Incense in every way. Larger flower, taller, and more fragrant. Deep pink with cream throat 5-6, 4" florets open on a willowy spike. This should be a good breeder.

PRICE. Any size bulb \$1.00 Blts. 10 for \$1.00

PERFUME (Brauer) JOLI X SUMMER BREEZE)

PERFUME and the two above are the most fragrant glads I have smelled to date, (except for my seedling 48X-P5). It is a double cross Mibloom seedling. It is an early creamy white with a rose dart in the throat, 4½" ruffled florets, 4-6 open. PERFUME won several ribbons this past year in the 301 class.

PRICE: L. \$.20 M. \$.15 S. \$.10 Blts 10 for \$.20

DIADEM (Lines) NEW ERA X VISTA BONITA

This is the largest of the fragrant glads. A medium deep rose with a cream throat. 5" florets 6-8 open, 18 buds on a 48" spike. The fragrance is light and is more noticeable when cut than in the garden. DIADEM was especially good for me this year.

PRICE: L. \$2.50 M. \$2.00 S. \$1.50 Blts. 1 for \$.25

SUMMER FRAGRANCE (Zimmer) Queen of Bremen Seedling

A midseason small decorative, dark rose pink. It makes tall straight spikes, 4-6 ruffled florets open. This is a strong grower, making clean healthy bulbs and is a good hybridizer.

PRICE: L. \$.20 M. \$.15 S. \$.10 Blts. 10 for \$.20

GOLDEN FRAGRANCE (Lantz) Mibloom X Picardy  
Lightly ruffled light yellow, opens 5, 4-4½" florets of good substance, on a medium tall spike, 16 buds, 4-5 in color. It has a pleasant fragrance and is the best yellow fragrant so should be valuable for breeding.

PRICE: L. \$1.50 M. \$1.00 S. \$.75 Blts. \$.15

FRILLED FRAGRANCE (Ellis) Sport of New Era.  
This is a white sport of New Era and is identical to it except in color. New Era has proven a good parent in many crosses & has given some good fragrant seedlings. The color of Frilled Fragrance should give it added value as a hybridizer.

PRICE L. \$.50 M. \$.35 S. \$.25 Blts. 5 for \$.25

ROSE GEM (Fisher) (Incense X Sweetheart) X Lavender & Gold  
A medium rose with a large cream throat. Florets 3½" nicely ruffled, with a waxy sheen. This was the best incense seedling until Cologne came along. Light fragrance and a good propagator.  
PRICE: L. \$.20 M. \$.15 S. \$.10 Blts. 10 for \$.20

F275-41 (Incense X Sweetheart) X New Era  
This is a half sister to Rose Gem. A medium decorative pink with a large light throat. The ruffled florets are lightly fragrant. It carries two fragrant strains and is a good breeder.

PRICE. L. \$.15 M. \$.10 S. \$.05 Blts. 10 for \$.15

338-5F Incense seedling  
A ruffled clear yellow, 3½" florets, 4-5 open on a tall plant but the flower head is short. Good substance and sweet fragrance.  
PRICE L. \$.25 M. \$.20 S. \$.15 Blts. 10 for \$.25

38-4F Summer Breeze X Incense  
A deep pink or light red, 4" florets, round wide open on a medium height spike. This carries two strains of Mibloom as well as Incense. This is a good breeder giving a high percent of fragrant seedlings. Slow propagator.

PRICE. Any size bulb \$.50

43X-K11 (Mibloom X Maid of Orleans) X Perfume.  
A blush white with a conspicuous throat of red and yellow. Well ruffled 4½" florets, 6 open with a light fragrance that is very erratic, sometimes it is good and other times is absent. This has 4 separate strains of Mibloom in its breeding so should be a good breeder. It is a rapid propagator.

PRICE Any size bulb \$.25

45X-M23 Summer Breeze X Reliable  
A first early, ruffled pure pink with 5"-5½" florets, light fragrance and a strong plant. I am offering this as a hybridizer because of its earliness and the size and quality of its individual blooms. It does not open well when cut so will never rate a name.

PRICE: Any size bulb \$.25

46X-N27 SUMMER FRAGRANCE X 34-A2  
Lavender rose with a red tongue on cream throat. A very showy  
glad, 5" florets 6-8 open on medium height spike. This is the  
best lavender showing a light fragrance. 34-A2 is Purple Glory  
X Pf. Triumph and has been a good breeder.

PRICE: Any size bulb \$.25

42X-J32. (Mibloom X Pf. Triumph) X 34-A2  
A big salmon red, 5" florets, 5-6 open on a big plant. Fragrance  
only shows under ideal conditions. Just a fair propagator but  
its size and breeding should be of interest to hybridizers.

PRICE: Any size bulb----\$.25

ODORA (Nuthall) E. J. Shaylor seedling.  
Pink with a large red blotch in the throat. To me this has  
an odor rather than a fragrance. I have had some bizarre color-  
ed seedlings from Odora & a good percent showing fragrance.

PRICE: L. \$.20 M. \$.15 S. \$.10

#### ACIDANTHERA MURIELAE

There is some argument as to whether this is a glad or not.  
It grows like a glad, has bulb, flower and seed like one and  
this year I made successful crosses with glads. It has a  
very sweet strong and persistent fragrance. April planting  
will bloom in September. I started some in pots indoors and  
had blooms in late July. Easy to grow from bulbs or bulblets.

PRICE: L. \$.50 M. \$.35 S. \$.20 Blts 10 for \$.50

CARY JACOBS BOND (Vaughn) (Probably Incense seedling)  
Red with large cream throat. 4" florets 4-5 open on slender  
medium height plant. Light fragrance. This should be good in  
breeding for red as well as fragrance.

PRICE: Any size bulb \$.25

#### FRAGRANT CROSS SEEDLING BULBS

These are virgin bulbs from hand pollinated seed, both parents  
being fragrant. Parantages will not be furnished as these are  
from odd lots of seed or unnamed fragrant seedlings. They will  
run 90% 6's and 7's this year and stock is small because of  
early orders from last years listing.

PRICE 12 for \$1.00 100 for \$6.50

#### FRAGRANT CROSS SEED

These are hand pollinated seed, both parents being fragrant, or  
carrying fragrant ancestry. Parantages cannot be furnished on  
these as they are either from batches too small to list separately  
or are crosses of fragrant pollen upon fragrant blooms  
from seedling bulbs too small to judge for other than fragrance.  
I will plant what I do not sell, these are not culls.

PRICE: Selected seed 12 for \$.25 100 for \$1.50

WHITE RIBPON (1949) PINK RIBBON X, (MAID OF ORLEANS X MIBLOOM)  
WHITE RIBBON should win as many ribbons in 200 as PINK  
RIBBON has in 240. One spike of WHITE RIBBON with only 3  
open won a ribbon this year. The grower who wins most of the  
ribbons in the 200 class in Illinois, tried WHITE RIBBON and  
said it was good enough to introduce. It is pure white, 3"  
florets, 6 open on a slender always straight spike, and blooms  
early. It makes huge bulblets that germinate easily. Stock is  
still small so I reserve the right to limit sales.

PRICE: Any size bulb \$1.00

RELIABLE 1948 California X Hon.

RELIABLE is the strongest grower in my garden. It has bloomed in  
90 to 100 degree weather and stood up, hence its name. It is a  
pure dark pink with a dusting of light red in the throat, not  
a blotch. 5" to 5½" florets under field conditions, florets  
slightly winged which makes it appear larger; 6 open, 6 in color  
on a tall always straight spike.

PRICE: L. \$2.00 M. \$1.50 S. \$1.00 Blts. \$.20

JUNE SCAFLET (436)

An extra early commercial in the scarlet class. JUNE SCARLET  
makes 5" florets, 5-6 open, 4-6 in color, on a 50" always  
straight spike. It makes clean red bulbs and is an average pro-  
pagator. There is an increasing demand for this for cut flowers  
because of its extreme earliness. Stock is still relatively  
scarce.

PRICE: L. \$.35 M. \$.20 S. \$.10

PINK RIBBON (240)

Pink Ribbon has become undisputed champion in the 240 class.  
PINK RIBBON has won twice as many blues as it's nearest com-  
petitor in 240 class. (see p. 113 in the 1948 N. E. G. S. Annual)  
It is a first early, small decorative, light pink with a cream  
throat, 6 open 6 in color on a tall slender spike.

PRICE: L. \$.15 M. \$.10 S. \$.05 Blts. 10 for \$.15

The following glads are former introductions of mine and  
are being offered at the following uniform prices.

PRICE: L. \$.15 M. \$.10 S. \$.05 Blts. 10 for \$.15

SIS (440)

A midseason creamy pink with lighter throat. 4½" florets, 6-8  
open 6 in color on a straight 50" spike. This is a strong clean  
grower.

ORANGOLD (421)

ORANGOLD is a lighter orange yellow and several commercial  
growers are using it as a yellow. ORANGOLD is a strong grower  
with broad healthy foliage. 5-6 open, 4-6 in color on a tall  
20 bud spike. 5" to 5½" round lightly ruffled florets.  
It is an easy propagator.

DEPENDABLE (466)

An early midseason cool shade of lavender, with a darker lavender tongue. Tall always straight, slender spike. 6 open, 6 in color.  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " lightly ruffled florets. A dependable grower under all conditions, thus it's name. It makes large bulblets that germinate easily.

HON. (430)

HON is a midseason apricot pink with a blending peach throat. This is not a blotched variety, but the added color in the throat lights up the whole flower. Hon opens 6-8 with 6 in color on a 21 bud spike. 5" lightly ruffled florets of good substance. Hon has a V. C. to its credit.

PINK VELVET (442)

A midseason pure pink shading to almost white in the throat. PINK VELVET has heavy substance and a velvety sheen that suggested its name. Well ruffled 5" florets, 5-7 open 4-6 in color, with formal placement, on a straight medium height stem. PINK VELVET won the N. E. G. S. seedling trophy in Maine in 1942.

YELLOW RIBBON (210)

A midseason light yellow, 8-10 open with double row placement, on a straight medium height stem. YELLOW RIBBON is fine for table decorations where size is not desirable. It makes well balanced little spikes from 5's and 6's that look like daffodils in a bouquet. I have had several repeat orders for YELLOW RIBBON from people who have tried it. If you like the little ones be sure and try it.

PURPLE PEP (370)

an early, healthy growing, purple self. Purple Pep makes tall straight spikes, 5-6 open, 4" well ruffled florets of good substance. The color does not wash or fade as so many purples do. It only carries 15 buds but cuts a well balanced spike. It makes large bulblets that germinate easily.

All orders are prepaid anywhere in the U. S. A. 10 bulbs of a size and kind at 8 times the price of one; 5 bulbs at the 10 rate.

Orders up to \$5.00 net. \$5.00 to \$10.00, 10% discount. \$10.00 to \$20.00 15% discount. I do not issue a wholesale list but if you are interested in planting stocks of any of the above I will be glad to quote prices. The stock on most of these is still small as I am not equipped to raise by the thousands.

All of these bulbs have been state inspected both in the field and in storage. All bulbs are dusted with DDT at cleaning time.

THESE BULBS ARE GUARANTEED. YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE.

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